

ST. JOSEPH PARISH / PARROQUIA SAN JOSE



Saint Joseph Church

371 East Main Street
Middletown, Delaware

THE FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2018



Saint Rose of Lima Church

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

*We, the faithful of St. Joseph Parish,
willingly accept our baptismal call
to gather and worship as a community,
to proclaim the Word of God,
and to serve in the image of Jesus Christ.*

MISIÓN DE LA PARROQUIA

*Nosotros, los fieles de la Parroquia de San José,
aceptamos de buena voluntad
nuestro llamado bautismal
a reunirnos y adorar como comunidad,
a proclamar la Palabra de Dios,
y a servir en la imagen de Jesucristo.*

OUR CHURCHES & SACRAMENT SCHEDULE

St. Joseph Church:

371 East Main Street, Middletown, DE, 19709

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

Sunday Masses: 7:30, 9:30 11:30AM

Misa Dominical: 2:00 PM (Español)

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 AM

Reconciliation: Saturday at 4:00 PM

St. Rose of Lima Mission:

301 Lock St, Chesapeake City, MD, 21915

Sunday Masses: 8:00, 9:30 AM

Tuesday Mass: 8:30 AM

Reconciliation: Sunday at 9:00 AM

St. Francis Xavier Shrine:

1604 Church Road, Warwick, MD, 21912

Mass Dates: April 15—4:00 PM, May 20—4:00 PM,

May 28—10:00 AM, Sept 16—4:00 PM,

October 28—4:00 PM

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Liturgy Notes

LENTEN LECTURE BY FR. BRADY

Lecture on "The Christian Meaning of Human Suffering", will be presented March 3, in the Parish Hall, after the 5:00PM Mass. Join your fellow parishioners for a free light meal and reflection on Saint John Paul II's Apostolic Letter *SALVIFICI DOLORIS*, on this subject.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Holy Father usually marks the solemn opening of the Lenten fast with a procession and Mass on Ash Wednesday evening. He walks from the Benedictine monastery, San Anselmo, down the Aventine hill to the Dominican monastery of Santa Sabina. This very old tradition was revived by Pope John XXIII in the late 1950s. Have you ever wondered who gives the pope his ashes? It's the cardinal who has been given the "title" of the church of Santa Sabina. The pope's homily at this Mass states his theme for Lent. Santa Sabina dates from the fifth century, and is one of the most beautiful churches in Rome. One of the panels on its main doors features the Crucifixion, a scene not normally depicted in art until much later. In the year 1219 the pope gave the church to Saint Dominic for his new religious order, the "Order of Preachers," commonly called the Dominicans, and it remains their world headquarters to this day. That pope, Honorius III, was a member of the Savelli family, and this church was their personal family chapel. Sabina was a wealthy Roman lady who became a Christian and was martyred, and whose home became a place of prayer. Later, the church built on that spot was dedicated to her memory.
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LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal on the specific day. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not equal to a full meal. The rules of fasting are obligatory only from age 18 until age 59. The requirement to abstain from meat is binding upon those 14 and older.

Presider's Intentions

This week, our presiders will offer Masses for these intentions:

Monday, February 19

8:30 AM (SJ) Edward Kuberski

Tuesday, February 20

8:30 AM (SR) Theresa Trainor

Wednesday, February 21

St. Peter Damian

8:30 AM (SJ) Ethel Mahoney

Thursday, February 22

*The Chair of
St. Peter the Apostle*

8:30 AM (SJ) Gerry Pellegrino

Friday, February 23

St. Polycarp

8:30 AM (SJ) Theresia Tjia

Saturday, February 24

5:00 PM (SJ) Edward Bisone

Sunday, February 25

2nd Sunday of Lent

7:30 AM (SJ) Columbus Nacchia, Jr.

9:30 AM (SJ) Stephen Pringle

11:30 AM (SJ) Rollin Carey

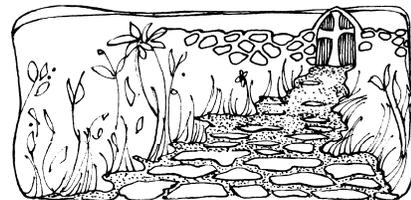
2:00 PM (SJ)

8:00 AM (SR)

9:30 AM (SR)

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Please note the Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, February 19 in observance of President's Day.



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2017 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

If you would like a 2017 Contribution Statement, please contact the parish office (302-378-5800, ext. 100, vbenn@stjosephmiddletown.com), to request yours. We will need your name, address, telephone number, and envelope number, if known, when you contact us. Statements are not prepared unless requested.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

ST JOSEPH CHURCH

Weekend Masses: Saturday @ 5:00pm, Sunday @ 7:30am, 9:30 am, 11:30am, 2:00pm (Spanish)

Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday @ 8:30am

Confessions: Saturday @ 4:00 - 4:30pm, **not on March 31**

Stations of the Cross: Friday @ 7:00pm - February 23, March 2, 16, 23

Knights of Columbus Fish Dinners: Friday @ 5:00 - 7:00PM - February 23, March 2, 9, 16*

Adult Faith Formation Program: "Christian Understanding of Human Suffering" -Saturday, March 3 @ 6:00pm,
in Parish Hall

Religious Education Catechist Lenten Gathering: Monday, March 5 @ 7:00 PM in Parish Hall*

Shadow Stations of the Cross: Friday, March 9 @ 7:00pm & Sunday March 11 @ 6:00pm

Religious Education Eucharist Retreat: Saturday, March 17 @ 9:00am—11:30am in Parish Complex

Communal Service: Sunday, March 18 @ 7:00pm @ St. Joseph Church

Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage 2018: Walking His Way - Saturday, March 24@10:00am

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Holy Thursday, March 29 @ 7:00pm

Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Holy Thursday, March 29 @ 9:00pm

Stations of the Cross in Spanish: Friday March 30 @ 1:30pm

Solemn Liturgy: Good Friday, March 30 @ 3:00pm



ST ROSE OF LIMA CHURCH

Weekend Masses: Sunday @ 8:00am, 9:30 am

Weekday Masses: Tuesday @ 8:30am

Stations of the Cross: Tuesday @ 8:00am - February 20, 27, March 6, 13 & 20

Lauds/Morning Prayers: Friday @ 9:00 am - March 30 & Saturday, March 31 @ 9:00 am

CHESAPEAKE CITY ECUMENICAL ASSOCIATION WEDNESDAY SOUP & BREAD 6:30PM & SERVICE 7:30PM

The Chesapeake City Ecumenical Association is holding Lenten Services preceded by a Soup and Bread Supper on Wednesdays during Lent. Soup and Bread will be served at 6:30 PM and the service is at 7:30 PM. Attendees are asked to bring items to help supply the Generation Station Out of School Program meals.

February 21: **no soup & bread**, Bethel AME Church, 201 Second St, Corner Pine & 2nd St, South Chesapeake City
Speaker: Rev Volodymyr Klanickhka. *Bring Sides: Potatoes, Noodles & Rice*

February 28: St. Basil Ukrainian Catholic Church, 231 Basil Ave, South Chesapeake City Speaker: Deacon Tim Enright
Bring Canned Meats

March 7: 1st Presbyterian Church, 351 Biddle St. Speaker: Rev. Neil Gutmaker.
Bring Mayo, Ketchup, Dressings & BBQ Sauce

March 14: St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church, 301 Lock Street, North Chesapeake City
Speaker: Rev. Christopher Brown. *Bring Canned Fruit or Fruit Cups*

March 21: United Methodist Charge (Trinity), 3rd and Bohemia Street, South Chesapeake City.
Speaker: Pastor Richard Watters.

March 28: St. St. Peter's Anglican Church, 1069 Frenchtown Rd Elkton, MD Speaker: Fr. Jack Clark
Bring 100% fruit juice

****Information has been updated***

***The Word in Our Lives:
Readings for February 25, 2018
The 2nd Sunday of Lent***

First Reading: *Genesis 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18*

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing—all this because you obeyed my command."

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalms 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19*

Second Reading: *Romans 8:31b-34*

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died—or, rather, was raised—who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.

Gospel: *Mark 9:2-10*

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant.

***La Palabra en Nuestra Vidas:
25 de Febrero de 2018
II Domingo De Cuaresma***

Primera Lectura: *Génesis 22, 1-2. 9-13. 15-18*

En aquel tiempo, Dios le puso una prueba a Abraham y le dijo: "¡Abraham, Abraham!" Él respondió: "Aquí estoy". Y Dios le dijo: "Toma a tu hijo único, Isaac, a quien tanto amas; vete a la región de Moria y ofrécemelo en sacrificio, en el monte que yo te indicaré". Cuando llegaron al sitio que Dios le había señalado, Abraham levantó un altar y acomodó la leña. Luego ató a su hijo Isaac, lo puso sobre el altar, encima de la leña, y tomó el cuchillo para degollarlo. Pero el ángel del Señor lo llamó desde el cielo y le dijo: "¡Abraham, Abraham!" Él contestó: "Aquí estoy". El ángel le dijo: "No descargues la mano contra tu hijo, ni le hagas daño. Ya veo que temes a Dios, porque no le has negado a tu hijo único". Abraham levantó los ojos y vio un carnero, enredado por los cuernos en la maleza. Atrapó el carnero y lo ofreció en sacrificio en lugar de su hijo. El ángel del Señor volvió a llamar a Abraham desde el cielo y le dijo: "Juro por mí mismo, dice el Señor, que por haber hecho esto y no haberme negado a tu hijo único, yo te bendeciré y multiplicaré tu descendencia como las estrellas del cielo y las arenas del mar. Tus descendientes conquistarán las ciudades enemigas. En tu descendencia serán bendecidos todos los pueblos de la tierra, porque obedeciste a mis palabras".

Salmo Responsorial: *Salmo 115, 10 y 15. 16-17. 18-19*

Segunda Lectura: *Romanos 8, 31b-34*

Hermanos: Si Dios está a nuestro favor, ¿quién estará en contra nuestra? El que no nos escatimó a su propio Hijo, sino que lo entregó por todos nosotros, ¿cómo no va a estar dispuesto a darnoslo todo, junto con su Hijo? ¿Quién acusará a los elegidos de Dios? Si Dios mismo es quien los perdona, ¿quién será el que los condene? ¿Acaso Jesucristo, que murió, resucitó y está a la derecha de Dios para interceder por nosotros?

Evangelio: *Marcos 9, 2-10*

En aquel tiempo, Jesús tomó aparte a Pedro, a Santiago y a Juan, subió con ellos a un monte alto y se transfiguró en su presencia. Sus vestiduras se pusieron esplendorosamente blancas, con una blancura que nadie puede lograr sobre la tierra. Después se les aparecieron Elías y Moisés, conversando con Jesús. Entonces Pedro le dijo a Jesús: "Maestro, ¡qué a gusto estamos aquí! Hagamos tres chozas, una para ti, otra para Moisés y otra para Elías". En realidad no sabía lo que decía, porque estaban asustados. Se formó entonces una nube, que los cubrió con su sombra, y de esta nube salió una voz que decía: "Éste es mi Hijo amado; escúchenlo". En ese momento miraron alrededor y no vieron a nadie sino a Jesús, que estaba solo con ellos. Cuando bajaban de la montaña, Jesús les mandó que no contaran a nadie lo que habían visto, hasta que el Hijo del hombre resucitara de entre los muertos. Ellos guardaron esto en secreto, pero discutían entre sí qué querría decir eso de 'resucitar de entre los muertos'.

Stewardship

This week we would like to recognize the efforts of the dedicated parishioners that ensure the collections are accurately counted and safely deposited each week. We are fortunate to be served by four dedicated teams, each including six or seven members. Each week they collect the offertory, count the proceeds and deposit them in the bank. They report the collections to the parish office, so they can be properly recorded and verified. We would like to thank them for their year-round commitment to assisting the parish.

The offertory collection for last weekend was \$12,229. Our total January collection was \$81,821 toward our January budget of \$63,300. Thank you for accepting the responsibility of faithful stewardship.

The Finance Council

SECOND COLLECTION

The second collection this weekend is for Catholic Relief Services and Latin America. Please be as generous as you can.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH ON FACEBOOK



The St. Joseph Parish Facebook page is being updated by the Parish & Family Life committee. If you are on Facebook, please "like" our page and stay tuned. Thank you!

PAT'S PIZZA

Pat's Pizza Family Restaurant, located at 311 N. Broad Street in Middletown, will donate a portion of all receipts we return to them. Please place your saved receipts in the collection basket or drop them off at the parish office. We are blessed that our local businesses continue to support our parish. Please thank them for their generosity when you visit Pat's.

REDNER'S RECEIPTS

The CCEA collects Redner's receipts. Receipts can be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the church or CCEA office. Please submit the whole receipt as partial receipts will not be considered. Refunds from the Redner receipts covers the expenditure for meats purchased by the food pantry staff for our clients. Thank you for your assistance, it is appreciated.

Team 2 will clean on Thursday, February 22, 2018

Loretta Williams, Captain

Pat McTiernan	Anthony Davies
Shirley Stafford	Peggy Calvani
Ellie Collins	Karen Headley
Ed Fitzgerald	Kathy Ursitti
Arlene Lyons	Marlene & Jim Jacono
Susan Hogan	Joe Ruff
Ella Garvine	Joanne Russell
Audrey Taylor	Doris Dill
Luciana Mufuka	Silvana Sposanto
Rose Kossick	Loan Moquin

For more information or to volunteer, please call Loretta Williams, 302-378-8635.

Thank You

Paul R. Christian, DMD

for advertising in our parish bulletin.

Please be sure to visit our parish website and check out those businesses who advertise in our bulletin. Your support of these sponsors is one way to say thank you for their generosity.

THANK YOU

A very grateful thank you to the many parishioners who donated their beautiful baskets to the Bereavement Committee. Your kindness and generosity will be used to help support the many families in need of bereavement.

God Bless,
Bereavement Committee

OUR DAILY BREAD



Our Daily Bread feeds low income families, individuals, children, the elderly and those in need in the MOT communities with nutritious meals in a safe environment. They serve Lunch, Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm and Dinner Tuesday & Thursday from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. If you have any questions email: ourdailybread.2016@gmail.com or call 302-285-9540. Our Daily Bread is located at 214 North Broad Street, Middletown.

Parish Life

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

We remember in prayer all those who are ill, especially:

Oremos por los enfermos:

Isabella Alicea, Alice Ramey, Mary Ann Romantini, Joyce Storey, Merriam Brelsford, Joyce Asplen, Tony Dooley, John Viars, Anne White, Heather Seramone, Danielle Mundell, Michael LoSapio, Reid LoSapio, Edward Hudack, Daisy Pabon, Richard Bengermine, Emily Knorr, Steven Brown, Lea Castelli, Ludwig Possenti, Ron Huff, Joel Rivera, Andrew Tomaino, Ronald McGrath, Jim Barrett, Karen Weis, Trudy Copley, Paul Henderson, Keith Delaney, Margaret Cassling, Karen Gabrielsen, Irene Shestock, Christine Cavaliere, Mary Maycen, Krystina Paulson, Matt Malus, Terrie Dunn, Peggy Robinson, Joseph Nelson, Joan Huhn, Connie Beardsley, Shelly DiPietrapaul, Jackie Provost, Alvin Atallian, Catrina Copley and Tess Dooley.

We also remember in prayer their caregivers and all others in need of our prayers.

También recordamos en oración a sus cuidadores y a todos los demás que necesitan nuestras oraciones.

MAY THE ANGELS LEAD THEM INTO PARADISE

Please remember in your prayers *Josephine Sweeney* and our deceased parishioners, loved ones and benefactors.



*Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

THANK YOU

Parent & Child Formation Night was held on Monday night, February 5th, for our students that are preparing to receive the Eucharist for the first time this spring. We are very grateful to those parents and grandparents that were willing to share their time, talent, and faith with the students that evening- Trish Wojcik, Robin Paloni, Susan Morrotti, Kim Vega, Lisa Perrucci, Valerie Pietlock, and Diana Gotthold.

This Week in Our Parish

Monday, February 19

****Closed for the President's Day Holiday ****

8:30 AM Mass in St. Joseph Church
12:00 PM Blood Bank in Parish Hall
7:00 PM RCIA in Room 2
7:00 PM Friends of Bill W in Rooms 5 & 7

Tuesday, February 20

8:00 AM Stations of the Cross in St. Rose Church
8:30 AM Mass in St. Rose Church
12:00 PM Parish Staff Meeting in Room 3
6:30 PM Columbiettes in St. Rose Hall
7:00 PM Cub Scouts in Parish Complex

Wednesday, February 21

8:30 AM Mass in St. Joseph Church
9:30 AM Bible Study in Rooms 5 & 7
9:30 AM English as a Second Language
in Rooms 3 & 6
6:00 PM Cantor Rehearsal in St. Joseph Church
6:30 PM Contemporary Ensemble
in St. Joseph Church
7:00 PM Seasons of Hope in Rooms 5 & 7
7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal in St. Joseph Church
7:00 PM Boy Scouts Leaders Meeting in Room 3
7:00 PM Christian Formation Committee in Room 1

Thursday, February 22

8:30 AM Mass in St. Joseph Church
6:00 PM Knights of Columbus in Kitchen
6:30 PM Boy Scouts in Parish Hall
7:00 PM Friends of Bill W in Rooms 5 & 7
7:00 PM Carnival in Room 1

Friday, February 23

8:30 AM Mass in St. Joseph Church
5:00 PM Lenten Fish Fry in Parish Hall
7:00 PM Stations of the Cross in St. Joseph Church

Saturday, February 24

4:00 PM Confessions in St. Joseph Church
4:00 PM Cub Scouts in Parish Hall
5:00 PM Mass in St. Joseph Church

Sunday, February 25

8:45 AM PREP Session F in Office Complex
9:30 AM Children's Liturgy of the Word
in St. Joseph's Church
11:45 AM PREP Session G in Office Complex
2:00 PM Confirmation Formation Sessions
in Parish Hall
2:00 PM Spanish Mass in St. Joseph Church
4:00 PM Shadow Stations Practice in Parish Hall

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS!

Registration forms for Religious Education and the sacraments of Reconciliation & First Eucharist and Confirmation will be available on the parish website, www.stjosephmiddletown.com on **March 1st**. Religious Education registrations are accepted from registered parishioners on a first-come, first-served basis, from March 1, 2018 until August 31, 2018. ***No registrations will be accepted after August 31, 2018***, except from families that are relocating to our parish, moving from their existing religious education program to our program.

In order to ensure both the accuracy of our records and the safety of our students, we will be unable to process any registration that does not include *all* required information, payment, and/or documentation.

We also offer a Special Needs Religious Education program. Contact the Religious Education Office at 302.378.5800, ext. 107 for further information.

If your child has completed grade one, either in our Religious Education program or in Catholic school, and is enrolling in grade two, **you must complete a separate form to register for the sacramental preparation of Reconciliation and Eucharist.** This is a separate process from Religious Education class registration and has a separate schedule and fee.

WHAT HAPPENS DURING

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD?

St. Joseph Parish follows the suggestion of the *Directory for Masses with Children* by offering a separate "Children's Liturgy of the Word", generally for those age four through seven. The children are asked to quietly process out of the church with their prayer leader to move to a more age-appropriate, focused environment. This environment offers signs and symbols appropriate to the liturgical season. After an opening prayer and/or song, the prayer leader continues the liturgical experience by proclaiming the readings. The prayer leader then facilitates a discussion of the readings. By sharing their own personal thoughts and experiences, the children can more easily draw a parallel between the Scriptures and their own lives. After a Prayer of the Faithful, where children are encouraged to include their petitions, all return to the main worship space and continue with the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Please encourage your child to participate in our "Children's Liturgy of the Word," offered each Sunday during the 9:30 Mass.

NOTICIAS DE EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA!

Los formularios de inscripción para la Educación Religiosa y los sacramentos de Reconciliación y Primera Eucaristía y Confirmación estarán disponibles en el sitio web de la parroquia, www.stjosephmiddletown.com, el **1 de marzo**. Los registros de educación religiosa son aceptados de los feligreses registrados por la orden en que llegan, desde el 1 de marzo de 2018 hasta el 31 de agosto de 2018. ***No se aceptarán inscripciones después del 31 de agosto de 2018***, con excepción para las familias que se trasladan a nuestra parroquia, Pasando de su actual programa de educación religiosa a nuestro programa. Con el fin de asegurar la exactitud de nuestros registros y la seguridad de nuestros estudiantes, no podremos procesar ningún registro que no incluya toda la información requerida, pago y / o documentación.

También ofrecemos un programa de Educación Religiosa de Necesidades Especiales. Comuníquese con la Oficina de Educación Religiosa al 302.378.5800, ext.107 o con Antonia ext. 104 para más información.

Si su hijo ha completado el primer grado, ya sea en nuestro programa de educación religiosa o en la escuela católica, y se inscribe en el grado dos, debe completar un formulario separado para inscribirse en la preparación sacramental de la Reconciliación y la Eucaristía. Este es un proceso separado del registro de clases de Educación Religiosa y tiene un horario y cuota por separado.

MUSIC MINISTRY NOTES

If you have been contemplating joining one of our musical ensembles, but for whatever reason, just haven't done it – NOW is the time! We are in the season of Winter Ordinary Time, and are just beginning to work on music for Lent and Holy Week. Won't you consider becoming a Music Minister? Time to put aside all those excuses and join us. The Parish Choir, Contemporary Ensemble and Children's Choir will welcome new members immediately. For more information contact Music Coordinator Rosemary Hadland at rhadland@stjosephmiddletown.com or speak to any member of the Music Ministry before or after Mass!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY SCHEDULE

The following is the children's liturgy schedule:

February 18, 25

March 4, 11, 18

April 8, 15, 22, 29

MUSIC NOTES FOR LENT

We have begun the liturgical season of Lent. It is our spiritual journey from ashes to the Resurrection, and so our music – what we sing and play, and how – will accordingly be guided by the principle of Progressive Solemnity. For this time in the Church’s calendar, less is more. We put away our “Alleluias” and simplify the way we present the psalms and hymns. The focus is more on ritual chants and less on hymnody, more on the texts and less on the music. *The General Instruction of the Roman Missal* instructs us that instrumentation is used “only to support the singing.” That means more a cappella singing and less amplification of singers and instruments. All of this is by design to underscore the solemnity of Lent.

For the Sundays of Lent we will: chant the *Kyrie eleison*, the response to the Prayer of the Faithful, and the Lord’s Prayer. The Eucharistic Acclamations (Holy, We proclaim, Amen, Lamb of God) are sung unaccompanied. The opening, Communion, and closing hymns are lightly accompanied. For the duration of Lent, we will use “Gracious God” #117 for the closing of Mass. **Please remain in place until the Priest Celebrant has left the church, and then depart quietly in order to maintain a prayerful atmosphere.**



ST. JOSEPH PARISH CARNIVAL KICKOFF MEETING

The first meeting will be on Thursday, February 22nd at 7:00pm in Room 1. Please join us, everyone is welcome, as we start planning our 20th year anniversary celebration. If you are new to our parish or have never participated in our parish carnival you will have the opportunity to meet many of your fellow parishioners working side, helping to improve our parish carnival a tradition to the entire MOT community. We look forward to new ideas from fellow parishioners each year. If you have any questions Contact: Dominic Marra 302-378-1568 or email: dmarra@aol.com Thanks from the Carnival Co Chairs: Dominic Marra, Jake Vukich

**The dates of the 2018 Carnival are July 17-21!
Mark your calendars!**

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

Rolling your eyes, a scowl, ignoring a request by walking away can speak louder than a yell. Check out any belittling mannerisms you may have that hurts your spouse.

Stations of



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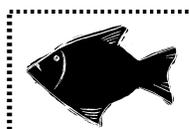
ATTENTION YOUTH: SHADOW STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRODUCTION

The Parish & Family Life committee will be presenting Shadow Stations of the Cross twice during Lent. This is a behind-the-scene production that requires around 8 people. Available roles are lector, cast, and crew. If you would like to volunteer, please email familylife@stjosephmiddletown.com. Practices will be held in the Parish Hall 4:00-6:00pm on Sunday, February 25 and Sunday, March 4. Shadow Stations of the Cross will be presented in St. Joseph’s church 7:00pm, Friday, March 9 and 6:00pm, Sunday, March 11.

NYC BUS TRIP

The Parish & Family Life Committee is sponsoring a trip to New York City on Saturday, May 12. Take in a show, see Lady Liberty, visit a church or museum, or shop – the day is yours to do as you wish. The bus departs the Parish Hall parking lot at 7:00am and departs NYC at 5:00pm. The round trip transportation cost is \$40 per person. Reservations can be made by emailing familylife@stjosephmiddletown.com or by calling Erin Marchlik at 302-562-7264. Last date for reservations is Monday, March 26.

KNIGHTS ANNUAL LENTEN DINNERS



FISH FRY

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Looking for a flavorful alternative to Friday’s Lenten Cheese Pizza? Join us for the Knights of Columbus’ Lenten fish dinners during the first five Fridays in Lent. Menu includes Fish & Chips choice of Haddock or broiled Tilapia, paired with macaroni & cheese, stewed tomatoes, french fries, cole slaw, and hot rolls with butter. Adults \$10, Seniors & Students \$8, and Children 10 years and younger eat for Free.

February 23—St. Joseph
March 4 - St. Joseph
March 9 - St. Joseph
March 16 - St. Joseph

MOMENTOS DE MARTRIMONIO

Girando los ojos, fruncir el ceño, ignorar una petición y alejarse puede hablar más fuerte que un grito. Pon en cuenta los gestos de menosprecio que puedas tener que lastiman a tu cónyuge.

Social Concerns

MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NEED

Last weekend, we received \$220.75 from the Poor Box at St. Joseph and we received \$11.00 from the Poor Box at St. Rose of Lima. Thank you for continuing to assist those in need.

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It is the first Sunday in Lent and the Gospel message reminds us today that we should, “Repent, and believe in the gospel.” Jesus’ gospel message is one of love and forgiveness, and believing in this message, one should be drawn to repent. Like Jesus, we too are tempted. However, unlike Christ we often fall to these temptations. What temptations do you struggle with? Do you find yourself falling to the same temptations and struggling with the same sins? As these sins and temptations are drawn to your mind, bring them to God. Embrace the truth of forgiveness, and repent, by participating in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION FOR CHRIST THE TEACHER SCHOOL

We appreciate your support in clipping Box Tops on sheets. Funds raised are used for classroom activities. We just received a check for \$ 854.80 for “Box Tops for Education.” This is wonderful money that is easily obtained via your help. We are grateful to all who support us by clipping Box Tops from products you purchase. The next submission date is March 1. Please send us all Box Tops that will expire this school year and throughout the summer. For easy drop-off, a Box Tops container can be found in the church lobby of each of our sponsoring parishes. Check the expiration dates – not valid if expired. Cut carefully as to not cut off the dates. BONUS BOX TOPS are also helpful. Do not paste on the paper. Just place in a zip lock bag. Along with sending Box Tops to school, earn even more cash to help our school through the Box Tops for Education® Bonus App. Turn your everyday receipts into cash for your school. It’s free and as easy as 1-2-3.

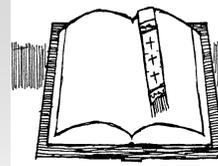
Christian Formation

BIBLE STUDY & PRAYER GROUP

Our group meets on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Tuesdays of the month at 6:30pm. Please call Jan Faust at 302-584-8703 for more information. All are welcome!

A second group, hosted by Ed Sumner & Ellen Losse, meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month to discuss the readings for the following Sunday. Please call Ed @ 302-449-2387 or Ellen at 302-449-5532 for directions.

WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Please join us for Bible Study on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 AM in the parish center when we break open the Scriptures for the coming Sunday. We encourage people to share how the readings touch their lives or to sit quietly and listen as others reflect on them. The conversation is easy and informative. Come when and as often as you’d like. If you have questions please call 302-378-5800.

AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETER

We have received a request from a new member of our parish for an American Sign Language interpreter at Sunday mass here at St. Joseph Church. Without an interpreter, our new member cannot understand what is being said during the liturgy; and so she is unable to participate in the liturgy. An interpreter will allow her to join with the Sunday community in prayer and worship. Please contact the parish office at 302-378-5800 if you or someone you might know would be willing to assist in this important ministry to the deaf in our parish.

PUNTEROS DE CRIANZA

Febrero es el mes de la historia morena, pero la sensibilidad hacia las personas de una raza diferente a la suya es más grande que un solo color. Como familia, aprende sobre una raza diferente a la tuya este mes.

PARENTING POINTERS

February is Black History month but sensitivity to people of a race different from your own is bigger than just one color. As a family, learn about a race different from your own this month.

Around the Diocese

GOOD NEWS

Listen to Catholic Forum every Sunday morning at 10:05 a.m. on WDEL 101.7 FM, 1150 AM and www.wdel.com. Next Sunday, February 25th, Father Joseph McQuaide, Chancellor for the Diocese of Wilmington, will give us a preview of the Diocesan 150th anniversary year-long celebration that begins on March 3, 2018. For photos, information regarding upcoming guests, podcasts and more, "Like" Catholic Forum on Facebook at www.facebook.com/catholicforum. Listen to past episodes of Catholic Forum online at cdow.org/communications or search "Catholic Forum" on Apple Podcasts or iHeartRadio podcasts.

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH'S PRESENTATION OF THE VIA CRUCIS

St. Anthony of Padua Church invites you to participate in its 2018 presentation of the Via Crucis, a live re-enactment of the last days of Christ by area schoolchildren. The one-hour performance, blending traditional music, pantomime, and the words of the Gospel is staged at 7:30 pm at St. Anthony's Church, 905 North DuPont Street in Wilmington. Performances for 2018 are Friday, February 23, Friday, March 2, Friday, March 9, Friday, March 16, Friday, March 23 and ending on Good Friday, March 30. There is no admission charge for the Via Crucis, although a free-will donation is welcomed. Groups over 10 can call St. Anthony's Rectory, 421-3700, for reservations. No reservations are accepted for Good Friday's presentation.

DIOCESAN 150TH ANNIVERSARY TO BEGIN MARCH 3RD.

Help kick off a year to remember! You are cordially invited to join Bishop Malooly at the Diocese of Wilmington's Sesquicentennial Kick-off Mass on Saturday, March 3, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Peter, Sixth and West Streets in Wilmington. Gather and pray with Catholics from across Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the founding of the Diocese of Wilmington by Blessed Pope Pius IX on March 3, 1868.

NEW CASTLE COUNTY 4-H EXCHANGE

We are having a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Saturday, March 4 at the Immanuel United Methodist Church located at 209 Main Street, Townsend, DE from 5:00 -7:00 PM. Adults are \$10 & Children 3-12 are \$5. For tickets contact serenac@udel.edu or 302-831-8965.

NORTHEAST CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Northeast Catholic College is pleased to announce that it will be offering a four-year \$8,000 scholarship for room and board to any freshman or transfer student who enrolls at Northeast Catholic College by August 15, 2018. The college is offering this award in an effort to make a quality, liberal arts education accessible to families who otherwise might not be able to afford it. The reduction in cost represents an \$8,000 discount for the fall 2018-2019 academic year and will be worth \$32,000 over four years. Northeast Catholic College is also still offering additional merit and need-based aid for the fall 2018 semester. For information on how to apply, please contact the admissions office at 603.456.2656 or admissions@NortheastCatholic.edu.

AQUINAS ACADEMY

According to the American bishops, Catholic schools should be "available, accessible, and affordable to all Catholic parents and their children." Aquinas Academy is a private, Catholic school in Bear serving grades K- 12. We award financial assistance to offset tuition costs to families who otherwise could not afford to attend a Catholic school. We offer a family-like community, small class sizes, excellent academic and sports programs. Contact us for more information or visit our web site. Aquinas Academy 2370 Red Lion Rd. Bear, 302-838-9601 www.aquinasacademy.net

RELAY FOR LIFE

Please join Relay for Life Team, The Cancer Fighting Unicorns, as they host a fundraiser on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at Buffalo Wild Wings located at 540 W. Main Street in Middletown. The fundraiser will be held all day, and it is good on take out or dine-in orders. Please contact Michelle Hall at Shellbell0109@aol.com or 302-378-2292 to request a flyer. It must be presented at the time of payment in order for the donation to count. We will also be hosting Easter Basket Raffles! Tickets will be \$1.00 each or six for \$5.00 and you do not have to be present to win.

